

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**TIMOTHY MANNING and** )  
**JOSEPH BRYSON,** )  
**Plaintiffs,** )

**v.** )

**MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE** )  
**CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER;** )  
**JOHN CRONIN, individually and in his** )  
**official capacity as Chief Administrative** )  
**Officer of the Office of the Chief Medical** )  
**Examiner; RICHARD EVANS,** )  
**individually and in his official capacity as** )  
**Chief Medical Examiner of the** )  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts,** )  
**Defendants** )

C.A. 1:04-cv-10508 -DPW

**PLAINTIFFS' CERTIFICATION OF CONFERENCE PURSUANT  
TO LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3)**

We hereby certify that we have conferred with a view of establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course, and various alternative courses, of this litigation and we have considered the resolution of this litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as mediation, mini-trial and summary jury trial.

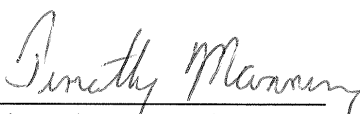
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Plaintiff,

  
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Timothy Manning

Dated: May 13, 2004

Plaintiff,

  
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Joseph Bryson

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